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# News Release

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## ***CORRECTED: Starr Aspen Project draft decision released for 45-day objection filing period***

**JOHN DAY, ORE.** – The 45-day objection filing period for the draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI) for the Starr Aspen Project on the Blue Mountain Ranger District will begin on Wednesday May 11, 2016, with publication of a legal notice in the Blue Mountain Eagle. Individuals and entities who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during the scoping period or the 30-day comment period on the preliminary environmental assessment may submit an objection. **Objections must be submitted on or before June 27, 2016.**

The draft decision includes cutting conifers in 138 aspen stands; prescribed fire; large wood placement in streams, meadows, and wetlands; fish passage barrier improvement, re-contouring/removing legacy berms and rock dams; fencing; and road maintenance. The project also includes a forest plan amendment to remove trees greater than 21 inches diameter at breast height. The project documents can be accessed on the Forest Service website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41023>, or you can request a CD or hardcopy by contacting Sasha Fertig at 541-575-3061 or [sashafertig@fs.fed.us](mailto:sashafertig@fs.fed.us).

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm, excluding Federal holidays). Objections may be mailed to: Regional Forester, Objection Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn: 1570 Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623. For emailed objections, please email to: [objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

Objections may also be hand delivered to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays). Objections may also be faxed to: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570: Objections at 503-808-2339. Objections must be postmarked or



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received by the Reviewing Officer, Regional Forester, within 45 days from the date of the publication of the legal notice.

Specific directions on how to file an objection are provided in 36 CFR 218.8. The objection must contain the minimum required content requirements specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Sasha Fertig, NEPA Planner, at 541-575-3061 or by e-mail: [sashafertig@fs.fed.us](mailto:sashafertig@fs.fed.us).

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